

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims, cancel non-elected claims 14-24.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-13 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art does not teach nor fairly suggest the analysis methods as claimed including the steps of lysing the fluid sample to separate components of the fluid sample; capturing the separated components on a solid substrate; washing the separated components with wash buffers; amplifying the washed components in an the amplification chamber; and pumping the amplified components over a lateral flow strip for detection.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Prusiner; Stanley B. et al.; Zelmanovic; David et al.; Young;

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Carole; Stewart; Sandy J.; Smith; Craig E. et al.; Young; Carole et al.; Smith; Craig E. et al.; Stewart; Sandy J.; and Roberts; Katherine P. et al. disclose analysis methods.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian R. Gordon whose telephone number is 571-272-1258. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 1st Fri. Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jill Warden can be reached on 571-272-1267. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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